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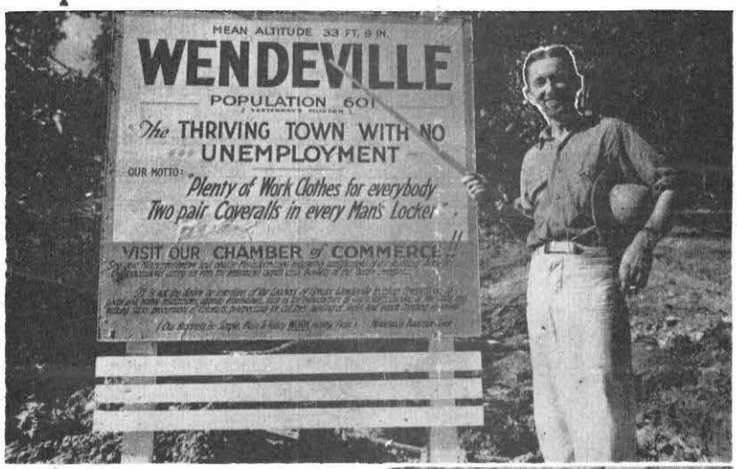
PROSTHETIC EYE LAB OPENS HERE

Station Sign Painter Operated Jungle Paint Shop in South Pacific That Boosted Morale



SIGN PAINTING, one of Ralph Stott's talents, proved most welcome on Florida island where he maintained a sign shop (pictured right) which was constructed of tropical vegetation and a tarpaulin overhead. A former patient here, Stotts is now back in civilian status, but chose to remain in the war effort by operating a sign shop in the hospital paint building. He is also a veteran of World War I.

Over 7,500 miles from civilization, one Seabee among many other lonely men hit on a unique way to bolster morale with humor.

His name, Ralph Stotts. Veteran of two World Wars, Stotts was discharged a few weeks ago after hospitalization here and is now a civilian operating a sign shop in the compound paint building.

His handiness and craft with paint, paint brush and signs formed the basis for extra service during those early months on the Florida Island close to Tulagi. Setting up a sign shop in the midst of the jungle, Stotts turned out hundreds of signs, such as the one pointing to "Wendeville, the thriving town of no unemployment."

The womanless town was named "Wendeville" in honor of the Seabee C.O., Charles Wende.

Malaria control afforded a good topic for tricky sign-boards. Aimed to make the men continually cautious in protecting themselves against the disease, Stotts' special signs sprinkled with humor dotted the island.

The jungle sign shop was seven minutes from the taking off point of "Wash Machine Charlie," much talked of Jap aerial-fiasco that flew nightly over the little shop and the rest of the island en route to bomb Guadalcanal.

Seeing action on a jungle front was not the first warfare for Stotts. In World War I he saw action with the Infantry in Europe. His son, Lt. Ralph L. Stotts, carried on in the European theater during World War II, and has been twice wounded during three invasions, Salerno, Anzio and Normandy.

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Hospital "1 of 4" In United States Starting New Unit

Plastics used in peacetime for countless articles have gone to war at Seattle Naval Hospital in the form of new acrylic resin artificial eyes adopted for ocular prosthetics by the Navy's men of medicine.

As one of four United States Naval Hospitals, this institution has now under organization, an ocular replacement department which will work in close cooperation with the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat clinic to replace lost eyes caused by injuries and war wounds.

Dr. C. Jensen **Dr. Q. Millgard**

Technical advisor of the new unit is Lieutenant Commander Q. J. Millgard (DC) USN, who was one of four dental officers trained in Washington, D.C., by the Navy in maxillo-facial (ocular replacement) proficiency. He will work as part of a team with Doctor Carl Jensen of the EENT clinic who will surgically prepare each eye socket for the new artificial acrylic eyes constructed and fitted by the hospital prosthetic lab.

Assisting part time in the coloring of new acrylic eyes will be Wave Officer Lt. (jg) Louise G. Kendall. Classes of Waves and Hospital Corpsmen will begin training on 15 January in the art of coloring and matching plastic eyes at the Naval Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland, to be sent here upon completion of their instruction.

The plastic eye technique, comparatively new, had its beginning a few years ago when the source of supply of glass eyes—Germany—was cut off. Experiments have proven the superiority of the new acrylic eyes over glass eyes, for they do not break, are unaffected by secretions and do not become discolored or rough.

Further development of the hospital ocular prosthetic unit will eventually result in the construction of acrylic resin ears, noses and fingers.

Corpsmen Barracks Under Construction

A new H-type Hospital Corps Barracks to provide for the increased complement of male hospital corpsmen is now under construction on the north end of the compound. This new barracks will face the athletic field and is attractively situated in a grove of trees. The arrangement of wash rooms is an improvement over the present barracks and the floors will be covered throughout with asphalt tile excepting the washroom, shower bath and toilet facilities. It is anticipated that there will be a clamor for residency in this new edifice.

Many other new projects are underway or in the process of contractual arrangement. A forthcoming announcement will be made through the Stethoscope of a very important and large addition.

Bronze Star Given Patient for Gallantry

For meritorious service in the line of duty, Corp. Herman F. Dohms, Jr., USMC, received the Navy Bronze Star Medal in a presentation held in his ward at the Naval Hospital here last Thursday, 4 January.

While on duty on the Engebi and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, 18 to 23 February, 1944, by his well aimed and timely use of hand grenades he repelled small but desperate Japanese counter attacks, and in so doing undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. On Parry Island February 23, 1944, with great coolness he several times repaired automatic rifles while under enemy fire and succeeded in getting badly needed fire power back into action.

Corporal Dohms, Jr., hails from this area, his home being in Seattle.

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FROM YOUR SKIPPER

Important to the hospital but performing their services to it unostentatiously, is the group of wives of the members of the staff who meet every Tuesday at the Nurses Quarters to give one day a week to sewing and making of surgical dressings for this hospital. It is an unorganized group and open to any wife whose husband is attached to this hospital and one which seeks no tangible reward for their labors. These ladies bring their own lunch and in an atmosphere of friendly relationship devote themselves to an important hospital service. The record of material accomplishment for the past year is as follows:

4x4 Dressings	53,310
2x2 Dressings	19,810
Small Lap Sponges	86
Scultetes Binders	51
Large Wrappers	26
T. Binders	60
Towels	555
Abdominal Pads	68
Small Wrappers 12x12	196
O.R. Masks	105
Slings	50
Large Wrappers 36x36	19
Lap Sponges, Large	258
Field Towels	86

This is a notable accomplishment and the group is to be congratulated. While they have given of their time and have made valuable supplies, the spirit which animates their labor is a reflection of the spirit that prevails in the hospital as a whole.

To each of the members of this special group is voiced by the Commanding Officer a deep feeling of appreciation.

J. T. BOONE, Capt. (MC) USN,
Medical Officer in Command.

Navy Pearl Harbor Day Bond Sales $62,568,845

An all-time high record was set by Navy personnel in their purchase of war bonds in any single campaign when they bought a total of $62,568,845, in bonds during their Pearl Harbor Day campaign, from December 1 to 7. This total was exclusive of bonds purchased regularly through Navy's payroll and allotment plans, and was almost three times the $23,079,770 volume of Pearl Harbor Day of 1943 and one and one-third as much as Navy's 1944 Independence Day campaign.

Pearl Harbor Day purchases raised the total since the Navy War bond program was established in October, 1941, to $924,359,306.

Top-ranking activity in the campaign was the Third Naval District, with headquarters in New York City, which led the entire Navy with a total of $8,944,773. Other Naval Districts whose totals were over five million dollars were the Twelfth, with headquarters in San Francisco, with $5,914,992; the Ninth, at Great Lakes, with $5,880,331,

Coast Guard personnel of the Thirteenth Naval District headquarters Seattle, Wash., were in the lead among Coast Guard units with purchases amounting to $941,475.

AssistantCommissary Head Leaves for H.C. Officers' School

Scheduled for advanced training in Naval Hospital work, assistant commissary officer, E. S. Bell, Pharmacist, USN., left this week for Bethesda, Maryland, where he will attend a Hospital Corps Officers' training school for a period of six months.

E. S. Bell

His courses will include Hospital Administration, Property and Accounting, Commissary Maintenance, Public Speaking, Ship's Service Operation, Naval Law and Naval Customs and Traditions.

After a six month theoretical course, he will be assigned to some Naval Hospital for six months' practical work.

Mr. Bell came to this hospital in April of 1943, direct from duty in the Aleutians.

He will be replaced in the commissary by Pharmacist P. J. Filla formerly our Outside Detail.

Seabee Improvises Ultra-Violet Machine

New Guinea (HCQNS)—A Navy Seabee in New Guinea who remembered an ultra-violet ray machine he had seen in the States has built a similar device from captured Japanese material and is reported to have successfully treated mates suffering from rashes and other mild tropical skin afflictions.

The Seabee, E. O. Fleury, EM1c, USNR, took a condenser from a Jap walkie-talkie he had picked up in the Admiralty Islands, separated a vibrating step-up coil from an Australian field condenser, found a head-light bulb in a wrecked jeep, and decided he had the parts he needed for his therapeutic device.

He punctured the headlight bulb and a Navy hospital corpsman injected a saline solution with a hypo needle; insulated the contraption with mica from an older soldering iron; tagged the device completed and ready for service.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Discipline is necessary in all organizations, both military and civilian.

Discipline does not mean punishment . . . it is the correct teaching of courage, obedience to authority, proper conduct, and good team work.

There are men to whom the appeal for fair-play and good team work mean nothing . . . then punishment becomes necessary to enforce discipline.

—TAYLOR.

Chaplains Corner

DIVINE SERVICES
Hospital Chapel
CATHOLIC

Chaplain.....John Lane
Sunday Masses.....0620 and 0930
Weekday Mass.....0620 Daily
Confessions: Heard before all masses.

PROTESTANT

Chaplains.....W. Boyd Thrift
Lloyd A. Doty
Divine Services.....1030
Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 1700
Vesper Services.....Sundays, 1600

By the Boot Straps

Chaplain Lloyd A. Doty

How many times we should like some **one** or some **thing** to come along and take us out of our most difficult moments. Usually those times are met by our own initiative or methods. Many times we need, almost literally, to lift ourselves by our own boot-straps.

Some of us have had a lot of bad training, which training has made it very hard for us when we found ourselves "in a jam." "A jam" which many times resulted from that same bad training. Our parents have babied us by protecting us from many of the very "knocks" that would have been the making of us. The "kindness" of our friends and relatives often has been our undoing.

How often parents are heard to say, "When he (she) is old enough he can decide for himself." That stupid idea has cheated more than one out of the very training that would have helped make a right choice instead of a very bad one when they were "old enough." Especially this is true in religious training, either we are nurtured in a religion that helps us or we would be better off without it.

The religion that helps us is that kind that demands something of us. It is said of D. L. Moody that upon one of his journeys across the Atlantic the ship developed a fire in the hold. The crew and some volunteers formed a bucket brigade. A friend said to Moody, "Mr. Moody, let us go to the other end of the ship and engage in prayer."

Moody replied, "Not so, sir, we stand right here and pass buckets and pray hard all the time." That illustrates the kind of religion that we need, one that works as we work.

With religion like that we can remove mountains, we can lift ourselves by our boot-straps.

SECURITY OFFICER'S SON IS 3RD ON LIST FOR ANNAPOLIS

Stan Curtis, son of Pharmacist S. W Curtis, Security Officer here, was selected as Third Alternate for appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. His status was made public by Senator Warren Magnuson of Washington who will make the final appointment in the near future.

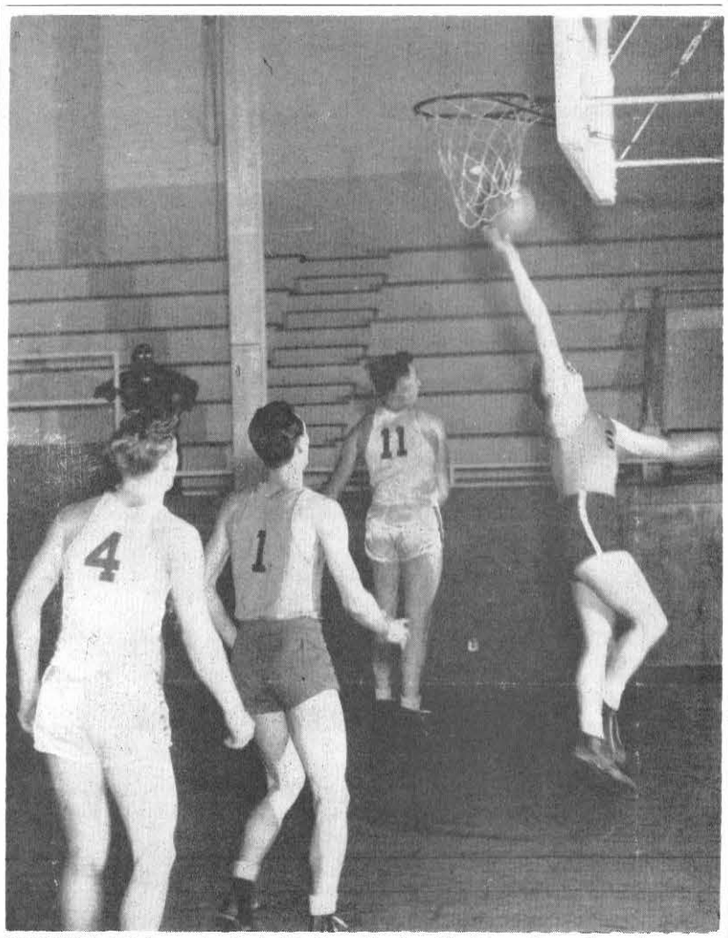
By Jane Raymond, PhM3c

Down Went Claypoole, French dressing and all! Instead of looking like a cool, crisp salad, Claypoole turned a splattered face and blonde hair wilted with huge amounts of dripping, thick, creamy, oil salad dressing . . . The castastrophe occurred in the galley. WAVE Chris Claypoole was tripping lightly along the newly cleaned deck, with arms embracing a pot of French dressing, enough for a thousand salads. Of course, her foot slipped. Claypoole hit the deck and the pot sailed up into the air, spilling enough dressing to oil the deck and thus imprison Claypoole to the spot. In mid-air, the pot did a "roll over," dumping quarts of dressing on top of Claypoole's head. "Next thing I knew," said Chris, "something went kerplunk on my skull as the kettle fell." Six washings were required to remove the substance . . . **Speaking of pictures,** WAVE Marjorie King props up a newly received portrait with masculine features evtry time she writes letters . . . . **Change of names:** WAVE Rita Stansell of Hematology, changed her name to Mrs. William Stratton (SK1c). Stratton is stationed at Bremerton. WAVE Kay Montgomery, of X-ray, became the bride of Jerry Johnson . . . **WAVE Gudrun Lorentzen** has been looking three shades prouder lately because her husband, Norman L., went into Chief's uniform . . . **A practical use** for the fluffy, chubby bear (toy) that lies on the sack all day was discovered by Mary J. Carey. This red-haired WAVE of Dental, looking for a safe place to put her glasses nightly, ended the bear's adorning idleness and solved her problem simultaneously by putting her glasses on the BEAR, securing them behind his stuffed ears. All night the little bear now sits quietly in the chair beside Mary Carey's sack and patiently holds the glasses out of harm's way . . . **The WAVES' roster** grew again last week when 16 girls reported in from St. Albans Hospital. The newcomers include: H.A1c's B. J. Colver, R. J. Dickason, P. C. Frimoth, M. Koeford L. Blackburn, M. M. Kirkey, K. W. Palmer, M. E. Sawyer, G. Scheffler, Z. B. Smith, K. H. Tschache, E. Wolff, and HA2c's J. H. Davis, E. R. Foster and Ruth Papizan . . . **French perfume**—Aroma of fragrant French perfume permeates the WAVES MAA shack, not because the MAA's developed the habit of using exquisite perfumes with their blue smock, but because WAVE Dorothy Lowry on opening the gift that had traveled all the way from France, dropped the bottle.

SPORTS

Bill Tracy . . . SPORTS EDITOR

HOSPITAL LEADS SERVICEMEN RACE



DRIVING IN for a basket, Lt. Leo Beebe displays above how he completely eluded CASU's Kerwick, No. 11, guarding him and continued on until he scored a fraction of a second later. Most of Beebe's scoring was attained in the above manner. The hospital won 33 to 30 thereby becoming the league's undisputed leaders.

Varsity Five Whips CASU For Sixth Straight Win

Leading throughout a close contest, Seattle Naval Hospital's Varsity basketball team hung a 33-30 victory over Sand Point's previously unbeaten CASU's last Tuesday, January 2, to remain as the only unbeaten club in the Puget Sound Service Basketball League.

Paced by Leo Beebe, who collected 14 points, the hospital showed brilliant defensive activity despite a ragged offensive that was decidedly below par. In their sixth straight loop victory, Coach Lt. Dave Ross's boys displayed intermittent flashes of smooth team play that has brought them undefeated thus far in the Service League.

D. Brewster

Outstanding defensive performance was turned in by Dale Brewster, PhM1c, only hospital corpsman playing first string, who prevented Sand Point's "former professional" Luft from scoring. Brewster augmented his work by swishing in two baskets and three free throws for a total of seven points. "Butch" Nash worked his usual steady style in the same manner that has made him the "ballhawk" of the entire Servicemen conference.

For the losers, Glusko, a tricky floorman, dropped five counters to lead his team with ten points.

HOSPITAL (33)	Pos.	CASU (30)
Beebe (14)	F	Glusko (10)
Howell (0)	F	Panchison (4)
Barrow (4)	C	Kedwick (4)
Nash (6)	G	Luft
Brewster (7)	G	Morrison (2)

Substitutes: HOSPITAL—Hodgen, (2). CASU—Stephens (4), Landers (6).

Hospital Quintet Topples VR-5 to Remain Unbeaten

Winning hands down, the hospital varsity club racked up another victory in the Puget Sound Service League by beating Sand Point's VR-5 team 43 to 31 last Friday night at the Green Lake fieldhouse.

Hospital scoring honors went to Nash with 13 points and Barrow with 12.

Giger was high for the losers with 10 pts. Halftime score stood: Hosp., 22; VR-5, 15.

Puget Sound Service League
STANDINGS 6 JANUARY

	W.	L.	Pct.
Naval Hospital	7	0	1.000
Sand Pt. Casu	5	1	.833
Sand Pt. VR-5	5	2	.714
Naval Station	4	2	.666
Ack Acks	4	4	.500
Arlington	3	4	.428
Port M. P.'s	3	5	.375
Seattle M. P.'s	3	5	.375
Superforts	2	5	.285
Port H. Q.	0	7	.000

NEXT WEEK'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Monday, January 15—

Hospital vs. Seattle M.P.'s at Lakeside School, 1900.

Friday, January 19—

Hospital vs. Port H.Q. at Rainier Field House, 1830.

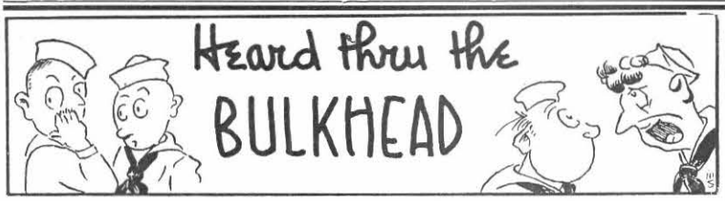
Why are you so jealous of your husband's stenographer?

Because I used to be his stenographer.

How Good Is the Hospital Basketball Team?

Undefeated in league competition, the hospital quintet has won 14 out of 15 games this season, scoring a total of 557 points. Their victories include a win over the Renton Boeing team 39-36 which is now leading "the bigtime" Northwest Basketball League and a murderous swamping of the big, but fast Seattle Catholic College cagers 66 to 35. Their success lies in a policy outlined by crafty coach Lt. Dave Ross, who said: "The boys are all veterans . . . they play to win through good sportsmanship! If we lose . . . well, we just went out for the coffee and doughnuts and forget all about it."

Soon it will be easy to keep up with the Jones; they won't be able to go any place either.



Starting the New Year right, Pfc. Leo Bucheart, Marine guard, married Doris Lohsi of Seattle Sunday evening, Dec. 31st.

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Galley News:

Joan McGraw returned from leave in California.

Kohanke, PhM3c, retired from galley to be night corpswave.

Sam the butcher left for 15 days' leave.

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A sailor recently on leave, stopped into the corner drug store in his old home town. He noticed that the proprietor was playing checkers with a dog. Said the sailor: "That's a mighty smart dog you have there." Said the proprietor: "Oh, I don't know, he's not so smart, I just beat him three out of five games."

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Rita Stansel, HA1c of Pharmacy, is the blushing bride of Bill Stratton, SK1c, former patient here, now stationed at Bremerton, Wash.

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Perfumed envelopes arriving daily in Ward 20 revealed an AMM2c of that ward is engaged to three young ladies simultaneously! Anyone who can better this record should open up a date bureau on the compound and "share the wealth."

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Brooklyn Sailor: Whudya do before ya jerned da Navy?

Mid-Westerner: I worked in Des Moines.

Brooklyn Sailor: What kind of moines, iron or coal?

"All that he has to live for," is Lorraine Carlisle, comely civilian chick, states Howard A. Chaffee, PhM2c, of the hospital quarter's bagroom. Brother Chaffee has been floating on air for this gal throughout the past three months. She accepted his "diamond" New Year's Eve, and wedding bells are forthcoming.

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THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISEMENT

"LOTH!" One front tooth by "Jean Walljasper, PhM3c. Finder pleath return immediately becauthe it ith imparing her speeth.

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New faces about the compound, 25 new cadet nurses arrived from the Midwest for duty here. Umm! Umm!

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Bob Flynn, V-12 formerly with the Dental Lab, left for Dental Surgery School in San Francisco, Calif.

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Lopez, HA1c, is all a flutter about a new Cadet nurse in CIR.

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THE RESTRICTED SAILOR'S NEW THEME SONG

Don't Fence Me In.

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A man is never happy until he is married and then it's too late.

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When Grandma had callers,
They sat with timid hearts;
And when they sat together,
They sat ———— this far apart.
When daughter's sailor boy friend calls,
He greets her with a kiss;
And when they sit together,
Theysitclosetogetherlikethis.

Twig From "Tree In Brooklyn" Brought Back Alive

BACK FROM LEAVE came Madeline Schnabel, PhM3c, clutching a stolen twig from the immortal tree that grows in Brooklyn, her home town. Failing in her mission, which was to bring back a branch of said tree to CPhM A. H. Harding of gas rationing fame, she did, however, produce the best imitation of a branch that Brooklyn can offer. Miss Schnabel revealed that morale is getting so low in Brooklyn since the Noel Coward incident . . . that even the dogs are leaving town!

Patient to Join Dance Band Upon Discharge

Going back to the band, T/Sgt. Gene Barringer of Ward 46, well-known trumpet player, will leave soon to join Tommy Reynolds' dance orchestra at the Southland Ballroom in New Orleans. Following an engagement there, the band will make two pictures with Universal Studios in Hollywood.

Later he plans to rejoin Tommy Tucker's band at the Essex House in New York City. Barringer was with Tucker's band, also playing with Enoch Light before joining the Marines in 1941.

Gene has been playing the trumpet for seventeen years, teaches music, writes and composes his own arrangements. At present he is working on an original classic called "First Symphony in D Flat Major" with 6 movements. He studied at the Ernest Williams Conservatory of Music in New York and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon reaching New York he will study under Morris Grupp, outstanding trumpet teacher.

Hot Trumpeter 'Gene' Barringer working on his six movement symphony in Rec' Hall.

Barringer has been with the 4th Bn., 2nd Div., of the Marine Corps, serving overseas for 26 months. While convalescing here at the hospital, he played with the Rhythm Doctors, the station band.

NEW YORK BEST LIBERTY TOWN ACCORDING TO POLL

By Bill Tracy, SK2c

QUESTION: What in your opinion is the best Liberty town and why?

William Brookshire, Pfc. USMC. I'll take Los Angeles for mine. Why? There are more beautiful women to pick from and there are more things to do and more places to go. Besides you can get any refreshment you want served over the bar. Pardon me, I mean counter.

Wave Gertrude Salzberg, PhM1c. I have two favorites, New York City and Chicago. They are both the best Liberty towns for my money any place. The people are more hospitable and there is plenty of entertainment for the service man or woman.

C. J. Krempacky, PhM2c USNR. Oh boy, I'll take New York City and that wonderful Central Park for mine. The women are plentiful in Central Park and beautiful. That's where I met that little redhead from Brooklyn. I hope my home town, Wilkesbarre, Pa., doesn't read this.

Wave Marie Koefod, HA1c. I like New York City and everything about it. You do not need a fortune to go on Liberty in that town. You can go to the shows free of charge and the people are very nice and congenial even though there are plenty of service men and women there.

S. J. Dymon, MOM2c USNR. San Francisco is the town for me. Plenty of good entertainment. Some fine night clubs. I particularly like their Chinatown and the girls in Frisco are very friendly.

C. H. Brown, CM1c. Providence, R. I., is the town I like. They have good transportation there and if you want to get to some of the other good towns you are only three and one-half hours from New York City and one hour from Boston. I say you can't beat that for an ideal Liberty town.

Ads 'n Stuff

LOST—Gold Ring with Gold Knight Head carved on top. Diamond chip and blue stone set. Reward for return. E. F. Dacre, PhM1c. Ward 9.

WANT TO BUY—One Peacoat, size 38. See Alex Joshua in Ward 41.

WANT TO SELL — One Solitaire Diamond Ring, $55.00. Contact Norma Wright, "D" Wing, Wave Barracks.

FOR SALE—"Sept" 35 mm. 250 exposure Miniature Camera for snapshots or movies. Made in France. Sold for about $400. Will sell for $75 with case. Edison Adams, PhoM. Ward 1.